

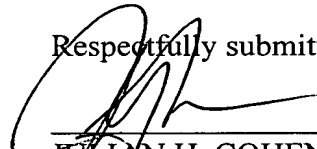
**REMARKS:**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with an Information Disclosure Statement citing a Search Report issued by the Australian Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application.

Claims 1-25 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 26-60 which take into account the Search Report. Claims 26-60 are fully supported by the original disclosure. Thus, no new matter has been introduced.

It is requested that examination of the application proceed on the basis of the amendments which have been made hereinabove.

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